

In The Mode

The Transportation Quiz

Shortest, Longest, Oldest, First!

By Melissa Black



This 15-foot bridge in Carroll County is one of the smallest structures saved by the program.

center of the park. When it's completed, visitors will be able to follow a zigzag path-way over the bridges, viewing displays that describe the history and significance of each one.

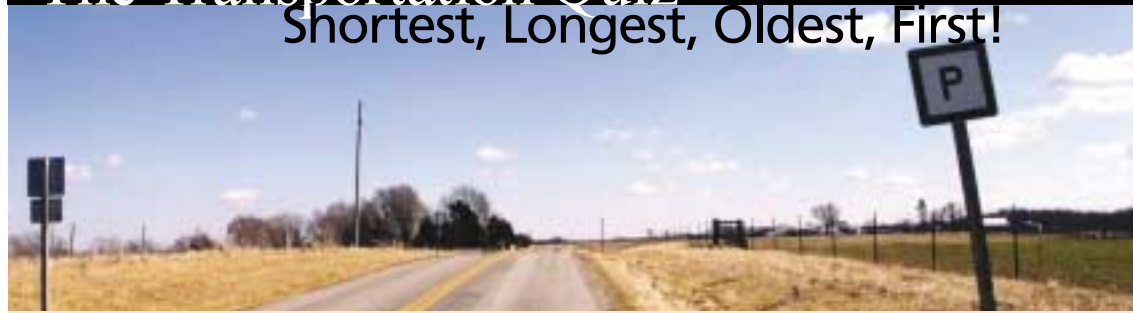
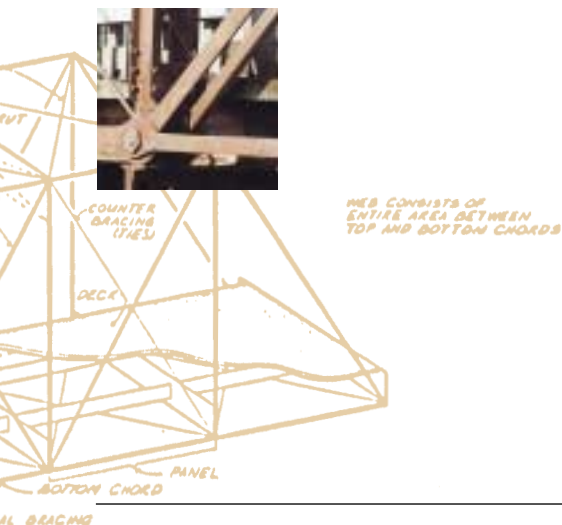
Currently, Missouri does not have such sophisticated ways of dealing with its his-toric bridges. But, Dawdy says, "we are working on it."

In the meantime, several historic bridges in Missouri need a new home. Call MoDOT for lengths, locations and more details. And remember: They're absolutely free! ■

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Test your knowledge of some Missouri and MoDOT milestones.

- 1** In 1808, the King's Highway became the first legally designated road west of the Mississippi River. Where did it run?
 - a. St. Louis to northeast Missouri
 - b. St. Louis to southeast Missouri
 - c. Kansas City to northwest Missouri
 - d. Kansas City to southwest Missouri
- 2** The first speed limit in Missouri was set in 1903. What was it?
 - a. 20 mph
 - b. 16 mph
 - c. 9 mph
 - d. 5 mph
- 3** How many highway miles are included in the MoDOT system?
 - a. 101,263 miles
 - b. 84,722 miles
 - c. 55,414 miles
 - d. 32,333 miles
- 4** How many total miles are there in Missouri, including county and city highway miles?
 - a. 155,372 miles
 - b. 119,690 miles
 - c. 102,884 miles
 - d. 91,042 miles
- 5** The shortest road in Missouri is Route P in Wooldridge in Cooper County (pictured above). How long is it?
 - a. .081 miles
 - b. .075 miles
 - c. .055 miles
 - d. .046 miles
- 6** The longest road in Missouri is Route 61 from Iowa to Arkansas. How long is it?
 - a. 814 miles
 - b. 599 miles
 - c. 393 miles
 - d. 262 miles

- 7** Though it no longer exists, where was Missouri's earliest known bridge located?
 - a. Over the Petite Reviere (Mill Creek) in St. Louis
 - b. Over the Des Peres River in St. Louis
 - c. Over the Mississippi River in Ste. Genevieve
 - d. Over the Missouri River in St. Charles
- 8** When was that bridge first noted in the town records?
 - a. 1801
 - b. 1782
 - c. 1750
 - d. 1711
- 9** The oldest bridge on the state system is located on Route V in Cooper County. When was it built?
 - a. 1905
 - b. 1900
 - c. 1895
 - d. 1880
- 10** The longest bridge in Missouri is the Poplar Street approach viaduct on Interstate 64 in St. Louis. It starts at Union Station and ends at the Mississippi River. How long is it?
 - a. 14,432 feet
 - b. 12,619 feet
 - c. 9,021 feet
 - d. 7,847 feet
- 11** The longest bridge over water in Missouri is the Mississippi River bridge on Interstate 155 at Caruthersville. How long is it?
 - a. 9,210 feet
 - b. 7,102 feet
 - c. 6,399 feet
 - d. 4,489 feet

Answers: 1 - b; 2 - c; 3 - d; 4 - a; 5 - d; 6 - c; 7 - a; 8 - a; 9 - a; 10 - d; 11 - b.

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